GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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Illegal Mining
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain cases of illegal mining has been reported in the country including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last three years and if so, the details along with the quantity thereof, State/Mineral-wise;

(b) the quantum of financial losses suffered as a result of the same;

(c) the mechanism put in place to monitor such cases along with the corrective action taken in the matter so far;

(d) whether CBI enquiry has been conducted in any of such cases and if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken thereon, if any; and

(e) whether the Government has launched a mobile app to alert authorities on illegal mining and if so, the details alongwith modus operandi thereof including the further steps to be taken to check illegal mining in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): Section 23C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation), 1957 (MMDR Act, 1957), empowers State Governments to frame rules for preventing illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals for the purposes connected therewith. As such, details relating to illegal mining are not maintained centrally as prevention and control of illegal mining comes under the legislative and administrative jurisdiction of State Governments.
As per quarterly returns submitted by the State Governments to Indian Bureau of Mines (a subordinate office under the Ministry of Mines), the details of instances of illegal mining for major minerals and minor minerals reported in the country, including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, for the last three years along with the details of action taken against the offenders/criminals and fine realised are at Annexure-I to Annexure-III.

(c): The MMDR Act, 1957 was amended through the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 which came into effect from 12th January, 2015. The Amendment Act, has, inter-alia, provided for stringent punitive provisions for combating illegal mining. Illegal mining has been made punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees per hectare of the area. Provisions have been made for setting up of Special Courts for the purpose of providing speedy trial of offences relating to illegal mining.

Altogether, 22 States have set up Task Forces, specially constituted to control illegal mining and review the action taken by member departments for checking the illegal mining activities at state and district levels, so far, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal have constituted Task Forces.

(d): Details related to CBI enquiry conducted in the cases related to illegal mining are not available with the Ministry of Mines.

(e): A Mining Surveillance System (MSS) has been developed to facilitate State Governments for curbing the illegal mining and mobile app has been launched, where by citizen can file complaint of any mining outside lease area. The complaint once received in the system is forwarded to the respective state government for the appropriate action at their end. The MSS identifies mining activity outside lease area with the help of Satellite images. If any mining activity is found outside lease area and within a radius of 500 m from lease boundary, a trigger is generated and forwarded to the State Government concerned for field verification.
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Annexure-I
RETURN ON ILLEGAL MINING FOR THE YEAR 2013-14
Year Mineral State No of Cases Quantum of mineral/oreexcavated/stacked/transported (in Lakhs ton) Value of mineral/Ore (Rs.Lakhs) FIR Lodged (Nos.) Court Cases Filed (No.) Fine Realised (Rs.Lakhs)
2013-14 MAJOR MINERAL ANDHRA PRADESH 486 0.064 36.380 2 0 165.70
GOA 1 0.000 0.000 0 0 0.00
GUJARAT 270 0.934 257.560 8 0 189.55
RAJASTHAN 607 0.778 42.852 372 1 154.11

TAMILNADU 6 1.376 216.900 0 0 38.69
MAHARASHTRA _ _ _ 1 1 _
MADHYA PRADESH 112 0.000 180.395 0 112 27.43
KARNATAKA 342 0.1270 16.260 5 5 82.31
KERALA 18 0.0084 4.830 0 0 5.36
ODISHA 75 2.7780 31.75 0 4 54.4
Sub Total 1917 6.0654 786.927 388 123 717.55

CHHATTISGARH 208 0.0200 45.84 2 135 80.61
JHARKHAND 161 0.1370 228.240 129 1 1.04
MIZORAM 0 0.0000 0.000 0 0 0.00
SIKKIM 0 _ _ _ _ _
Sub Total 369 0.157 274.08 131 136 81.65

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2013-14 MINOR MINERAL ANDHRA PRADESH 7206 3.426 499.05 0 1 1026.03
GOA 0 0.000 0.00 0 0 0.00
GUJARAT 5177 31.631 4092.01 93 19 3036.35
RAJASTHAN 2346 19.893 404.98 487 16 972.65
TAMILNADU 1072 36.670 1053.77 2155 0 3305.30
MAHARASHTRA 36476 0.000 0.00 1 0 5083.93
MADHYA PRADESH 6613 0.000 4044.16 0 6610 2347.78
KARNATAKA 8167 2.189 664.07 93 229 2259.22
KERALA 4430 35.441 14629.00 0 0 668.36
ODISHA 1 0.000 0.00 0 0 1.12
Sub Total 71488 129.25 25387.04 2829 6875 18700.7

CHHATTISGARH 3788 2.418 584.55 0 3788 415.12
JHARKHAND 740 0.895 196.100 415 3 61.99
MIZORAM 21 0.003 _ _ _ 0.464
SIKKIM _ _ _ _ _ _
Sub Total 4549 3.3158 780.65 415 3791 477.574

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(-) Details with respect to minerals not reported by State Govt.

Annexure-II
RETURN ON ILLEGAL MINING FOR THE YEAR 2014-15
Year Mineral State No of Cases Quantum of mineral/oreexcavated/stacked/transported (in Lakhs ton) Value of mineral/Ore (Rs.Lakhs) FIR Lodged (Nos.) Court Cases Filed (No.) Fine Realised (Rs.Lakhs)
2014-15 MAJOR ANDHRA PRADESH 295 0.049 5998.770 0 0 84.36
GOA 0 0.000 0.000 0 0 0.00
GUJARAT 346 6.536 904.010 1 0 161.25
RAJASTHAN 467 1.406 45.305 181 0 200.23
TAMILNADU 5 0.683 11.740 0 0 25.13
TELENGANA 29 0.159 40.630 0 0 49.22
MAHARASHTRA - - - - - -
KARNATAKA 211 0.011 29.200 27 18 50.21
KERALA 4 0.000 0.800 0 0 1.00
ODISHA 104 3.117 1327.36 0 0 830.71
Sub Total 1461 11.961 8357.815 209 18 1402.11

ARUNACHAL PRADESH 0 0.000 0.000 0 0 0.00
ASSAM 0 0.000 0.00 0 0 0.00
CHHATTISGARH 246 0.038 32.90 0 101 81.39
JHARKHAND 220 0.096 37.100 186 3 3.96
MADHYA PRADESH 106 0.000 16.450 9 105 76.16
MIZORAM 0 0.000 0.000 0 0 0.00
SIKKIM 0 _ _ _ _ _
Sub Total 572 0.134 86.45 195 209 161.51

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Year Mineral State No of Cases Quantum of mineral/oreexcavated/stacked/transported (in Lakhs ton) Value of mineral/Ore (Rs.Lakhs) FIR Lodged (Nos.) Court Cases Filed (No.) Fine Realised (Rs.Lakhs)
2014-15 MINOR ANDHRA PRADESH 9084 53.785 9827.15 0 0 3793.33
GOA 0 0.000 0.00 0 0 0.00
GUJARAT 5370 12.480 3130.52 31 6 2174.96
RAJASTHAN 2478 17.320 624.36 316 3 1301.98
TAMILNADU 200 51.610 517.36 2324 0 3446.77
TELENGANA 3282 4.543 598.49 0 0 750.45
MAHARASHTRA 32717 0.000 0.00 0 0 4206.19
KARNATAKA 8253 3.147 921.26 273 142 2210.90
KERALA 4168 61.706 17343.00 0 0 640.38
ODISHA 0 0.000 0.00 0 0 0
Sub Total 65552 204.591 32962.14 2944 151 18525

CHHATTISGARH 4794 8.982 469.50 0 795 542.12
JHARKHAND 942 0.950 126.640 584 88 50.06
MADHYA PRADESH 8067 0.000 5241.83 51 8023 3211.71
MIZORAM 26 0.016 _ 1 _ 1.051
SIKKIM _ _ _ _ _ _
Sub Total 13829 9.948 5837.97 636 8906 3804.94

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(-) Details with respect to minerals not reported by State Govt.

Annexure-lll
RETURN ON ILLEGAL MINING FOR THE YEAR 2015-16
Year Mineral State No of Cases Quantum of mineral/oreexcavated/stacked/transported (in Lakhs ton) Value of mineral/Ore (Rs.Lakhs) FIR Lodged (Nos.) Court Cases Filed (No.) Fine Realised (Rs.Lakhs)
2015-16 MAJOR ANDHRA PRADESH 270 0.052 57.390 0 0 96.24
GOA 2 0.000 0.000 1 0 0.00
GUJARAT 277 2.337 782.960 3 0 232.90
RAJASTHAN 126 0.143 8.790 50 0 51.05
TAMILNADU 2 0.643 78.170 1 0 142.52
TELENGANA 12 0.002 2.270 0 0 4.87
MAHARASHTRA - - - - - -
MADHYA PRADESH 86 0.000 45.030 0 86 108.17
KARNATAKA 221 0.009 8.580 6 4 36.00
KERALA 7 0.005 37.970 0 0 1.61
ODISHA 44 2.009 88.17 0 0 43.68
Sub Total 1047 5.2 1109.33 61 90 717.04

CHHATTISGARH 108 0.015 23.09 0 104 69.94
JHARKHAND 167 0.010 34.260 79 131 5.00
SIKKIM 0 _ _ _ _ _
WEST BENGAL 575 0.008 3.770 575 0 0.00
Sub Total 850 0.033 61.12 654 235 74.94

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Year Mineral State No of Cases Quantum of mineral/oreexcavated/stacked/transported (in Lakhs ton) Value of mineral/Ore (Rs.Lakhs) FIR Lodged (Nos.) Court Cases Filed (No.) Fine Realised (Rs.Lakhs)
2015-16 MINOR ANDHRA PRADESH 9683 12.946 2607.83 0 0 2809.73
GOA 0 0.000 0.00 0 0 0.00
GUJARAT 6222 20.458 3007.88 81 2 3065.73
RAJASTHAN 3535 31.014 653.51 374 11 1407.42
TAMILNADU 56 6.520 190.03 4015 0 3041.52
TELENGANA 6526 20.870 1225.85 0 0 1636.60

MAHARASHTRA 33621 0.000 0.00 56 0 7076.63
MADHYA PRADESH 13541 0.000 88533.07 0 13420 10897.88
KARNATAKA 8964 5.846 1359.13 218 47 2789.59
KERALA 3694 51.265 32137.00 0 0 1364.57
ODISHA 18 0.105 113.51 0 0 82.62
Sub Total 85860 149.024 129827.81 4744 13480 34172.29

CHHATTISGARH 5754 2.388 202.09 0 5722 875.49
JHARKHAND 1478 0.471 85.540 517 98 108.07
SIKKIM _ _ _ _ _ _
WEST BENGAL 0 0 0 0 0 0
Sub Total 7232 2.859 287.63 517 5820 983.56

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